

## FIGHTS MANILA OVER AGAIN.

## COGHIAN TELLS FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF DEWEY'S VICTORY.

The Spaniards weren't cowards, but they weren't prepared and didn't know how to use what they had—our fleet's withdrawal wasn't for breakfast.

The General Court of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and their wives and daughters dined at the Hotel Astor last night to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown Colony. Admiral Dewey, just returned from his command of the fleet, was the guest of honor.

"Hoch der Kaiser! You may fire when ready, Coghian!" shouted a voice from the audience as he rose.

"Thank you," said the Admiral. "I suppose I must begin by referring to the ladies. Everything good in the world is instigated by women. I have a friend who tried once to make me believe that the only reason why the Declaration of Independence wasn't written by a woman was the fact that Jefferson had no typewriter. My friend is very enthusiastic over the ladies. He calls them angels."

"Angels recalls a story which isn't more than 1000 years old. A little girl asked if there weren't any male angels; said she never saw any with beards on. Her mother said no, men only got into heaven by a close shave."

"About Manila Bay. When we started from Hongkong we knew that, if reliance is ever to be placed in human evidence, we had a big job. We thought that with the ships and fortifications we had to go against it would take a much greater time than ours to gain a complete victory. We got along without more iron clad ships through the iron clad grit of our Admiral. He was the moving spirit of us all. In our councils he always saw the proper thing and acted on it."

"Our orders were to keep the Spanish vessels from leaving Oriental waters. We kept them effectively—too effectively. We might have raised and used some of those vessels."

"The Spanish knew that we were coming. We expected that they would meet us in the mouth of the harbor. We learned later that the Spanish commander had put back into the inner bay, expecting that the guns of the fortifications would damage us and he could then finish us off. He thought he stood a better chance that way. It was a fine spirit to begin a fight, expecting a big fight every moment, and got only two or three shots from the shore batteries. Once past the harbor mouth we intended to drift in toward the city, get breakfast, and then have a fair, stand-up fight. It was a fine, tropic night. No one slept. Every ripple on that silver water was a torpedo boat to us."

"It is a pity from the Spanish point of view that their Admiral ever allowed us to get into the inner bay. They have met us under his fortifications. He could have drawn us onto his mine fields—for Americans are the greatest geese in the world about fighting. They never learn. This was the only chance, as we learned afterward, that they ever had."

"All at once, with tropic suddenness, it became day. To our surprise, the Spanish appointment, there was not a Spanish vessel in sight. I, for one, thought how they might scatter and keep us chasing through those islands for months, and the war was out of coal like other fleets in the Orient just now."

"Suddenly the guns in the harbor opened. Had we answered them? They were fired in the walled city, where Spanish families lived. Although no orders were given, every commander held his fire for that reason."

"Then away to the right, in Cavite Bay, we heard the boom of a gun. We looked. It was the Spanish fleet. There was our meat."

"As we approached them in line of battle, we could see that they were taken by surprise. They didn't expect us to attack so early in the morning. They were surprised. He gave his celebrated order to Gridley, and he opened fire. We circled and passed them four times."

"The first round they were hard to hit, because it was hard to judge our angle. There were no peaks ashore to get the angle on, and the early sunlight was confusing. By the fourth round, however, the second time, we could see that our fire was doing damage. On the third round a vessel in the Spanish fleet was able to do us any harm."

"It is a great mistake to think the Spaniards were cowardly. They tried to do the best they could. In the flagship only 130 men were left in the complement of 433. They stood by and fought to the last. But they weren't prepared. Preparedness—that's why I say that Dewey's life is worth a whole library of books."

"We sunk two small craft. One was a torpedo boat. The other was a steam launch. In that launch some Chinese were accused to cross the bay every morning to do their marketing. They had orders to do it, and being Chinese, they did it. The morning, battle or no battle. When we saw a little boat dart out of the smoke at us we took it for a torpedo boat, of course, and sank the poor thing."

"On the fourth round there wasn't a thing Spanish to be seen afloat."

"Then, to our great surprise, the signal to stop action was displayed. We withdrew. It turned out that a mistake had been made in the amount of ammunition in the fleet, and the Admiral withdrew us to save it. At the time the Spanish ships, Cervantes and Camara were unknown, and we needed ammunition if we were to meet them."

"Taking advantage of the lull, breakfast was ordered for most of the ships' crews. This gave rise to the celebrated story that we withdrew for breakfast. No one wanted breakfast that day. I remember that I myself didn't have even a cup of coffee until 3 o'clock in the afternoon."

"Those Spaniards were good men, brave men. They had good guns and good powder. Yet they didn't know how to use them. All the time they had been shooting clear over us. When we looked over the wrecked ships we found that their muzzles elevated and fixed for a range of 9,000 yards—and our greatest distance during the battle was 3,500 yards."

"Of all the criticisms of this battle I've heard, this one comes nearest to explaining it. I think: The Spaniards were brave, but they fought in a frenzied manner; our men were as cool as combs. You've heard tales about our men cheering as they fired. I never heard a single cheer until late that afternoon. I have a sketch of the action, made on shore by a British army officer. It shows our fleet riding as though on parade, and the Spanish going in every direction. That is exactly the picture of the battle which I carry in my memory."

"The results of that morning's work were far reaching. From that battle we got settled on us the Philippines, which, I hope, we keep as long as any of us live. The only reason why we shouldn't was given to me by a disappointed office-seeker from Indiana."

"We can't afford it," said he. "Pooh!" said I. "We can't," said he. "There are 1,400 islands. That means 1,400 governors. That depends on how you bunch 'em. I'll 'Well,' said he, 'depend upon it there'll be all of 1,400. That means 1,400 governors, 1,400 marshals, six times 1,400 deputy marshals, besides lots of judges and things. Why, Ohio will be depopulated!'"

## I asked my orderly about it. He hadn't heard it.

"I began to wonder if anything was the matter with me—and I hadn't had a drink for years. Finally, I put it straight to the orderly, and he answered me in a way that showed he didn't mean it."

"Tell the truth," said I. Then he owned up. It was his relief in the powder room below. Having nothing to do at the time, they had made up a string band and were playing 'A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight' in the thick of that battle."

When the dinner was planned several months ago the late Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was set down to respond to the toast 'Jamestown.' Theodore Tilton, who presided, recalled this fact and proposed a toast, which was drunk standing, to his memory."

Edward Hagaman Hall took his place. He presided over the preliminary sparring. Mr. Hill remarked:

"Trigges of Chicago—you know Trigges, that eminent exponent of Shakespeare. At the time, you all know him if you read the New York Sun last week."

Also: "The founders of Carthage got as much property as she could surround with a hide out into the hills. Well, Hyde, as we know, even when not out into strips, can surround a good deal of wealth."

With a feeling like that with which one litters and preserves Old Homestead, every true American turns back to Jamestown, the Old Homestead of this country. It was a little Anglo-Saxon wedge driven into the Spanish settlement of Florida and the French colonies of Canada. Next to the discovery of America, the founding of this little colony was the greatest event in our history."

Eben E. Olcott spoke of the discovery of the Hudson.

Mrs. Dewey's name was not on the printed table-list of guests. The officers of the society explained that an invitation was sent to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, but that the Admiral wrote several days ago saying that his wife could not be present."

## REPUBLICANS FOR McLELLAN.

Charles Stewart Smith, for instance, said: Others Not Hard to Find.

Not only Democrats but Republicans of prominence are coming out in favor of the renomination of Mayor McClellan. Charles Stewart Smith, a lifelong Republican, at one time a member of the Citizens' Union, a Rapid Transit Commissioner and a former member of the Board of Commerce, referring to the statement made a few days ago by John Brooks Leavitt, a Citizens' Union leader, that Mr. McClellan ought to be renominated by acclamation, said:

"I agree with Mr. Leavitt. I am heartily in favor of the renomination of Mayor McClellan. He has given the city a good administration; he is a business man and he believes that the affairs of the city government should be carried on in a business-like way. I am a Republican, but in local affairs I am willing to sacrifice partisanship. I favor the renomination of Mr. McClellan because he has made a good record. He is one of the few men who have ever had. I never saw one more industrious. He gives more time and attention to the work of the Rapid Transit Commission than his predecessors and he attends to the work of every other department in the same way."

Randolph Guggenheimer, who is high in the councils of Tammany, said yesterday:

"I regard the renomination and reelection of Mayor McClellan as assured. Now that I am out of politics, and not and shall not be a candidate for the nomination for any local office, I feel free to express my personal views and to make public a synopsis of the expressions of opinion that I hear every day from financiers, professional and business men. The expressions of opinion that I hear from all sources are all to the effect that McClellan has made one of the best Mayor that New York ever had. He has been honest, frank and fearless. He has faced a difficult and trying situation, and his most bitter and devoted political enemies are unable to point out a single instance in which he has made a serious mistake. He has made many loyal and devoted friends among the people of this city. He has given to the city of New York a clean, wholesome and progressive administration. The people have confidence in him and will insist on his renomination and reelection. I know that the financial and business interests of the city and the best citizens, without regard to politics, favor another term for Mayor McClellan."

## A CLEAN SWEEP IN BROOKLYN.

Republican Managers Take a Rosy View of the Political Outlook.

Although nothing definite will be decided as to the make-up of the Republican ticket in Brooklyn until the return of former Lieutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, the leader of the Kings county organization, from Europe early in the fall, there seems to be a general understanding among the managers of the party of the best citizens of clean cut party men for the various offices.

Former Park Commissioner Richard Young, formerly of the Gunston, president of the Union League Club, will each have strong backing for the Borough Presidency, but when the campaign comes around there will probably be several other candidates for this office. Practical Republican statesmen like Col. Michael J. Dady are looking for a Republican sweep in the Democratic organization over the municipal ownership question and the continued hostility to the leadership of Senator McCarran.

## TO OVERHAUL THE NEW YORK.

\$1,000,000 Worth of Repairs Are Recommended for the Cruiser Now in Boston.

Boston, May 13.—Repairs to cost about \$1,000,000 which will require more than a year to complete are recommended for the armored cruiser New York, which is tied up out of commission at the Charlestown Navy yard. The estimates are now completed and probably will be forwarded to the Navy Department at Washington.

On Monday morning a party of about 100 men of survey appointed by Rear Admiral Albert S. Snow, commandant of the yard.

The job will be the largest ever undertaken at the local yard, and the overhauling will be one of the most expensive ever given to any American warship. The largest previous job here was that on Dewey's flagship Olympia, which cost about \$550,000. If the estimates are immediately approved by the Washington authorities work probably will begin about July 1.

## FEUD CAUSES ANOTHER MURDER.

Discussion of the Killing of Calhoun Results Fatally—Assault Caught.

HOUSTON, Tex., May 13.—A discussion of the merits of the killing of Ed Calhoun, a retired banker, by W. T. Eldridge last Tuesday morning resulted in Gus Rundell, an advocate of Calhoun, being killed today by a supporter of the Eldridge faction. Rundell was using heated words in discussion of the tragedy. He said that Eldridge should be burned at the stake for his crime.

G. W. Flock, a follower of Eldridge, overheard the remarks and contradicted them. He used equal vehemence in speaking of Calhoun, and the two men clinched. Flock used a large knife, which he plunged into the abdomen of Rundell and then fled. He was captured and is held. Rundell was taken to St. Joseph's Infirmary, where he is in a dying condition.

## WHICH WAY GOVERNOR JUMPS.

## REPUBLICANS WATCH FOR NAMES OF GAS COMMISSIONERS.

And New Railroad Commissioners—Mr. Odell's Remark About Owning Mr. Higgins Carried to the Governor—Contract of Two Commissioners Is at Stake.

Gov. Higgins is now at his home in Otsego and is to be in Albany on Tuesday when he is to take up, among other important matters, the selection of the three members of the State Gas Commission and the two additional railroad commissioners.

Only those familiar with organization politics can adequately estimate the potentialities of the State Gas Commission, or of the new State Railroad Commission which is to have five instead of three members.

Gov. Higgins has been charged in Republican organization State circles since he took office on Jan. 1, with having favored the Odell faction in the contest for his indifference to the Platt and Black wings of his reappointment of Odell's man, Robert